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VA Mental Health, Behavioral Services Chief Named American Psychiatric Association Award Recipient

OMAHA, Neb., March 3, 2014 –The chief of Mental Health and Behavioral Services at VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System was named recipient of the 2014 Irma Bland Award for Excellence in Teaching Psychiatry Residents.

Dr. Subhash Bhatia was recognized by the American Psychiatric Association with this award for outstanding, sustained and creative contributions to psychiatry resident education and training.

In addition to Bhatia's role at VA NWIHCS, he has served as full-time faculty at Creighton University School of Medicine for more than 36 years and in roles that include director of the Psychiatry Clerkship Program and Psychiatry Residency Training.

Bhatia has served for 20 years as a chair of the Creighton University of School of Medicine Continuing Medical Education Committee. Bhatia's work includes resident supervision, career counseling and mentoring. He has collaborated with residents to co-author research articles and chapters for a new book on substance use and addiction disorders: diagnosis and management

In addition to his work at the VA and Creighton, he provides clinical supervision and teaches medical students at the student-run Magis Clinic, a charity clinic for disadvantaged members of the Omaha community located at the Sienna Francis House Shelter

Bhatia has volunteered for the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and assisted with writing questions for part I of the psychiatry examination and as an examiner for part II oral board examinations for more than 22 years. Bhatia participated as volunteer faculty for test development for the Psychiatry Resident in Training Examination by the American College of Psychiatrists and served on the Membership Selection and Finance committees.

Since 1996, he has been listed in Best Doctors in America every year. In addition, he is listed in the Guide to America's Top Psychiatrists and Best of the U.S. Physicians in Psychiatry. For two consecutive terms, Nebraska's governor appointed him to serve on the Nebraska Advisory Committee on Substance Use Disorders.

He has published more than 64 peer-reviewed research articles and has made similar number of oral and poster presentations at national or international psychiatry conferences.

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About VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System

The VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System's mission is to honor America's Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being. VA NWIHCS employees serve more than 161,000 Veterans in Nebraska, western Iowa and portions of Kansas and Missouri. The system includes a tertiary medical center in Omaha and a Community Living Center in Grand Island, Neb. Community-based outpatient clinics are located in Lincoln, Grand Island, North Platte, Norfolk, and Bellevue, Neb., and Shenandoah, Iowa; and a contract outreach clinic in O'Neill, Neb. For more information, visit <http://www.nebraska.va.gov>

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